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ON STATE RETIREMENT FUNDS

Persons interested in the use of the state game fund for the promotion and the development of fish and game in Oregon are protesting the proposal made in senate bill 204 for the payment of a pension from the fund to the widow of the late Matt Ryckman.

It will be interesting to observe the action taken by the legislature with respect to this pension bill. We are told that the compensation described in it as "only modest" and "small" was, in the later years of employment, \$4,200 a year and if those adjectives fit that pay and a duty has been created to provide a pension then the legislature, in fairness to the surviving dependents of scores of other state employes, has an obligation to care for them, also.

We leave it to those who feel that game fund money should not be used for pension purposes to express themselves regarding this bill. For our part we suggest that the situation given publicity by its allegations cause for remedy by the creation of a sound state employe pension or retirement fund.

We did not know Matt Ryckman. We do not know why it was that, as this bill asserts, he died leaving no assets other than his home. Whatever the reason does not the case show that while he was earning he should have been forced, as are federal and so many other employes, to participate in the creation of a fund the existence of which would have removed the justification, if any does exist, for the introduction of this senate bill 204?

We think that we owe the milk producers of this vicinity an apology and one is freely offered. Commenting on the report on the conditions under which milk is produced here we said that "While a few producers gained a high rating, the report presents a rather sorry picture for the majority. Well, the reason for that "sorry picture" was because conditions checked were measured against the U. S. public health service standards. Those, of course, are ideal standards and represent perfection. At the same time it is to be noted that one producer might gain a higher rating based on conditions of production than did another whose milk was actually safer to use. In fact, one such case, we are told, was found here where a man whose milk showed a low bacillus count came out with a lower rating than another whose count was high and the reason was found in conditions rather than the milk itself.

Answering the question asked in this column some time ago—"How far is just far enough in shoplifting?"—the superintendent of one of Portland's large department stores writes as follows: "In my opinion a shoplifter has 'gone too far' when she gets caught, and doesn't that apply to everyone's misdeeds of every character." Well, we have heard the idea suggested before that the crime was not so much in the deed itself as it was in getting caught but we did not suppose a department store man would hold to that opinion—especially as to shoplifting. And, by the way, we notice with interest that he has all shoplifters classified as of the female sex.

According to Dr. Harold M. Erickson, assistant state health officer, the statistics thus far released by the selective service system show Oregon to be in first place in the percentage of those accepted for military service. A table referred to by Dr. Erickson gives the figures negatively—that is, the rejection rates—but the result is the same. North Carolina had the highest rejection rate—56.8—and Oregon the lowest, 24.4. The national average was 39.2. Another good record for Oregon.

Pacific Veteran Visits Prineville

James E. Buckley, aviation radioman second class, USNR, of Prineville, Ore., has returned to this country from a tour of duty in the Pacific, where he served as an aircrewman in a search squadron.

Sergeant Poole Now in Klamath

Klamath Falls, Feb. 20 (AP)—Marine Sergeant Dixon D. Poole of 415 Federal street, Bend, has reported at the marine barracks, Klamath Falls, after 21 months in the Pacific. A member of the fourth marines regiment, he served on Emirau, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, in Hawaii and New Zealand, and last saw action on Guam, where he was wounded.

Span Over River Nears Completion

The new forest service bridge across the Deschutes river at Pringle Falls, is nearing completion, and is open to traffic. It was announced today at the offices of the Deschutes national forest. The bridge, which will accommodate two lanes of traffic, is of sturdy construction and will facilitate traffic into the Wickiup basin, it was said.

PRINEVILLE SAILOR KILLED

Washington, Feb. 20 (AP)—Charles Leland Halsey, seaman 2-c, United States navy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leland Halsey, 503 Main street, Prineville, Ore., has been killed in action.

APPLE TREE DOUBLES UP

Homer, La. (AP)—A year of oddities was 1944. C. O. Phillips of the Harris community here came up with one of them. An apple tree on his farm produced the usual fruit last June as expected. But a

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A SONG TO REMEMBER by Willard Wiener

THEY REACH PARIS, and Louis as they reach Paris, Jozef Elsner insists that Frederic call on Louis Pleyel. Louis, hear him! You will realize the prodigy is even more prodigious!

Prineville Sergeant Lives in Packing Box on Italian Front

15th AAF in Italy—Respect for the traditional "Don't Open Until Christmas" was observed to the letter by six radio specialists serving overseas with the second oldest P-38 Lightning Fighter group of the 15th AAF. T/Sgt. Richard W. Pedley of Prineville, Ore., S/Sgt. Tom S. Maxwell, Denton, Texas, S/Sgt. Edward W. Leal Jr., Antioch, Calif., Sgt. John H. Vickers, Charleston, W. Virginia, Cpl. Gus Plakadis, Los Angeles, Calif., and Cpl. Roger E. Bernhardt of Correctionville, Iowa, all occupy one packing crate house in their squadron camp area at a fighter field in Italy. As it can be surmised, the problem of finding sufficient room for the growing pile of packages soon arose. Even though the Yuletide season has long passed, packages continue to arrive for the sextet.

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (From The Bulletin Files) (Feb. 20, 1930) Sheriff Claude L. McCauley arrests two men in a McKay street house on charges of counterfeiting.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 20, 1920)

Plans are submitted for the erection of a training tower for volunteer firemen. With snow in the Deschutes water shed at a level lower than old time settler can recall, farmers are hopeful that later storms will improve the irrigation outlook.

YOU SAW THEM ALL!!

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U. S. GIVES GOOD HOUSEWIVES BONUS OF RED POINTS

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Air Medal Won By Lt. Shepard

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England, Feb. 20—Second Lieutenant Frederik Keith Shepard, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Shepard, RFD No. 2, Bend, Oregon, who is serving here with the veteran 306th bombardment group as a pilot has been awarded the air medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement" it was recently announced by his commanding officer, Colonel James S. Sutton of Findlay, Ohio.

Bend Lions Hear Symposium Unit

How the returning soldier should be treated when he again advances along the home front, was told members of the Bend Lions Club when they held their noonday meeting today in the Pine Tavern. The discharged soldier problem, and benefits he will derive from the G. I. bill of rights, were discussed by members of the High school symposium team, composed of Ruth Terlisner, Betty Jeffrey, Jane Alfrely and Beverly Baer.

Wrecked Bomber Found Near Troy

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 20 (AP)—The Liberator bomber reported missing from the Walla Walla army air base eight days ago was found 15 miles southwest of Troy, Ore., yesterday and 10 members of the crew were found to have been killed instantly, it was announced today.

Dean D. Sellers Going to Hawaii

Dean D. Sellers, member of The Bulletin advertising staff a number of years ago, has sold his interest in the Ontario Herald, San Bernardino county, Calif., and is to return to Hawaii, where he will again become associated with the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, a daily newspaper. Sellers was with the Star-Bulletin from 1929 to 1933, after leaving Bend.

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Yuletide Is Spent In Europe Clouds

An Air Service Command Transport Group, England (Delayed)—F./O. Jasper Livingston of Bend, Ore., spent Christmas eve five thousand feet in the clouds on an emergency flight into France carrying troops for the American armies. Flight Officer Livingston, son of Mrs. H. L. Livingston, 937 E. 3rd street, Bend, Ore., took off from a fog inclosed airfield in

England just a few minutes before midnight, picked up the waiting men and flew to the front lines. His Christmas turkey and ice cream waited for him when he returned to his home field the day after Christmas; it had been kept in the ice box by a thoughtful mess sergeant. Sweden has approximately 182,000 aliens because of war conditions; more than 88,000 of these are Finns and 45,000 are children.

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